

REMARKS

Specification

The specification has been amended to include the status of the parent application. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 41-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Specifically, claim 41 is rejected for failing to recite a step for the detection of a specific binding member. Claim 41 has been amended to recite a step for the detection of a specific binding member. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Double-Patenting Rejection

Claims 21-44 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-20 and 22-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,361,958. A terminal disclaimer directed to 6,361,958 is enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection, and allowance of Claims 21-44.

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If the Examiner has any questions, she is invited to call the undersigned at (415)
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